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SUBJECT: WORKING PAPERS TABLED BY SOVIETS AT DRAFTING
GROUP MEETING NO. 214 (MAY 11, 1978) (SALT TWO-
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1. THE FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL US TRANSLATION OF SOVIET
PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE VI.5: "HEAVY BOMBERS SHALL BECOME
SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE V
AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT OF THE SHOP, PLANT, OR
OTHER FACILITY WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE
MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS.
BOMBERS OF A TYPE NOT SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED
FOR IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE III AND IN PARAGRAPH
1 OF ARTICLE V SHALL BECOME SUBJECT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED
LIMITATIONS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT OF THE SHOP,
PLANT, OR OTHER FACILITY WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED
FOR CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600
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2. OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AGREED
STATEMENT TO VI.6 AND XVII.2 (E) FOLLOWS AGREED LANGUAGE
THROUGH THE WORD "INCLUDE" AT THE END OF THE FIFTH LINE
AFTER WHICH SOVIET PROPOSAL CONTINUES ... "A) PROCEDURES
FOR REMOVAL FROM THE AGGREGATE NUMBERS, PROVIDED FOR IN
ARTICLE V, OF ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS WHICH ARE CONVERTED
FROM LAUNCHERS OF A TYPE SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION INTO

LAUNCHERS OF A TYPE NOT SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION:

B) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL FROM THE AGGREGATE NUMBERS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLES III AND V OF BOMBERS WHICH ARE CONVERTED FROM BOMBERS OF A TYPE SUBJECT TO EITHER OR BOTH OF THOSE LIMITATIONS INTO AIRPLANES OR BOMBERS OF A TYPE NOT SO SUBJECT.

3. OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO ARTICLES VI.6 AND XVII.2 (E) IS: "THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT PROCEDURES REFERRED TO IN SUB-PARAGRAPH (B) OF THE AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF ARTICLE VI AND SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (E) OF ARTICLE XVII, FOR REMOVAL OF BOMBERS FROM THE AGGREGATE NUMBERS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE III AND V, SHALL BE BASED UPON THE EXISTENCE OF FUNCTIONALLY RELATED OBSERVABLE DIFFERENCES INDICATING, RESPECTIVELY, WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN PERFORM THE MISSION OF HEAVY BOMBERS OR BOMBERS EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF 600 KILOMETERS. EARLE

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